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SUBJECT: GOP EXTENDS STATE OF SIEGE ANOTHER 90 DAYS

REF: ASUNCION 1779

- 1. A JULY 29 EXECUTIVE DECREE EXTENDS THE STATE OF SIEGE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION IN ASUNCION CITY FOR ANOTHER 90 DAYS, THE MAXIMUM PERIOD. THE PREVIOUS DECREE WOULD HAVE LAPSED AUGUST 2. THE SAME JUSTIFICATION THAT HAS BEEN CITED FOR MANY YEARS, THE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL SUBVERSIVE THREATS, WAS USED.
- 2. OFFICIAL SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT THE GOP INTENDS TO LIFT THE STATE OF SIEGE COMPLETELY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THEY SAY THIS CANNOT BE DONE UNTIL THE STATUS HAS BEEN CLARIFIED OF SOME LESS THAN 20 POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN TURNED OVER TO JUDICIAL PROCESSING. WHITE

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